

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to state our trade association's opposition to the new FCC regulations 02-278 that will remove the current ability to fax a company if you already have a prior business relationship with that company.

As a non-profit serving a segment of the textile manufacturing we need to have the ability to quickly communicate with members, potential visitors to our conference, readers of our magazines, etc. about critical issues facing their industry.

Email, as a communications systems, has been ruined by SPAM and is out of the question as a source of communications.

The new regulation will be a tremendous financial and resource burden for our organization to obtain and then update a written permission document from each company affected by our organizations services and activities.

I know there are situations when this type of regulation is appropriate but over the years of sending many, many faxes to those in our industry, I don't believe we have received more than a dozen requests to cease faxing a company this vital information from our association. Faxes sent with no established prior relations is understandable. But when you have a prior relationship, I don't understand who you are protecting. You are just making unnecessary new and expensive work for all of us.

You are hurting many good organizations with this new regulation. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

I urge you to reconsider this new regulation.

Sincerely,

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